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SUBJECT: BACKGROUND ON SUPPLY OF TOW MISSILES TO JORDAN

1. FEBRUARY 10 EDITION OF WASHINGTON POST CARRIED FRONT PAGE ARTICLE BY JIM HOAGLAND ON U.S. SUPPLY OF TOW MISSILES TO JORDAN. HOAGLAND REPORTED THAT JORDAN WAS FIRST ARAB STATE TO RECEIVE TOWS AND THAT MISSILES HAD NOT BEEN SUPPLIED EVEN TO ISRAEL BEFORE START OF OCTOBER WAR.

2. FOLLOWING IS BACKGROUND ON DELIVERY OF TOW MISSILES TO JORDAN. JORDANIANS FIRST REQUESTED TOW MISSILES ON 9 FEBRUARY 1973 AT JORDAN-U.S. ARMS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON. AT THAT TIME WE AGREED TO PROVIDE TOWS SUBJECT TO AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS IN JORDAN MAP AND POLITICAL DECISION REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF WEAPON INTO MIDDLE EAST. POLITICAL DECISION WAS RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF PROVIDING TOWS TO JORDAN PRIOR TO OCTOBER WAR. ISRAEL HAD ALSO SIGNED
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LETTERS OF OFFER FOR TOWS BEFORE WAR BUT HAD NOT

RECEIVED DELIVERIES.

3. QUESTION OF FUNDING WAS NOT RESOLVED UNTIL U.S. JORDAN ARMS CONFERENCE OF DECEMBER 1973. DELIVERY OF TOWS WAS THEN EXPEDITED AND FIRST SHIPMENT OF 18 LAUNCHERS AND 324 MISSILES WAS DELIVERED TO JORDAN LATE DECEMBER. WE PLAN TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL 18 LAUNCHERS AND 324 MISSILES TO JORDAN BY THE END OF MARCH.

4. ON JANUARY 27 JORDAN TELEVISION SHOWED PICTURES OF MISSILES BUT DID NOT IDENTIFY THEM BY NAME.

5. IF SHAH ASKS YOU ABOUT THIS YOU MAY GIVE HIM SUBSTANCE OF FOREGOING IN CONFIDENCE. KISSINGER

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